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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

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Applicant(s)

SESHADRI ET AL.

Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 05 December 2005 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

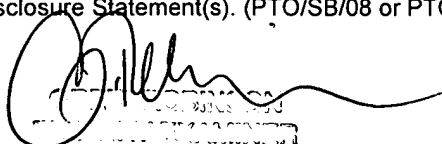
4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: 1-37.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☒ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 11/14/05
13. ☐ Other: See Continuation Sheet.



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Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Knutson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,870,746) anticipates independent claim 1. Knutson teaches "a data storage component" at col. 7, lines 53-54, "a plurality of folders comprising links to particular data files stored in the data storage component" at col. 8, lines 1-6, col. 44, lines 13-14, col. 36, lines 30-32, and col. 7, lines 53-54, "the content of the folders controlled at least in part" at col. 43, lines 66-67, col. 8, lines 1-6, and col. 45, lines 30-31, "by end-user specified preferences" at col. 62, lines 36-37 and col. 8, lines 11-13, and "the folders include any type of link collection defined by a set of relationships" at col. 8, lines 1-6, col. 44, lines 13-14, and col. 12, lines 58-63.

Knutson anticipates independent claim 18. Knutson teaches "a data storage component" at col. 7, lines 53-54, "plurality of data containers storing pointers to sections of data" at col. 12, lines 9-12, col. 28, lines 63-67, and col. 62, lines 26-28, "stored on the data storage component" at col. 7, lines 53-54, and "content of the data containers being controlled by end-user programs" at col. 43, lines 66-67, col. 12, lines 9-12, col. 45, lines 30-31, and col. 4, lines 48-49.

Knutson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,870,746), Watters (U.S. Patent No. 6,490,718), and Saxe (U.S. Patent No. 6,343,376) render obvious independent claim 30. Knutson teaches "writing user preferences" at col. 15, lines 59-62 and col. 8, lines 11-13, "in accordance with a developer schema" at col. 3, lines 48-53 and col. 3, lines 26-29, and "executing user preferences in response to an event..." at col. 10, lines 25-26, col. 8, lines 11-13, col. 8, lines 53-54, and col. 44, lines 62-64, Watters teaches "with respect to one or more named groups of data" at col. 1, lines 27-30, and Saxe teaches "and taking action based on a conditionally valid preference" at col. 10, lines 23-29, col. 1, lines 66-67, col. 2, lines 1-2, and col. 22, lines 36-39..